

INVENTORY MANAGEMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM
FOR PRESCRIBED GOODS AND SERVICES

Abstract

A comprehensive program method and system particularly adapted
for the segments of the healthcare industry dealing with Durable
Medical Equipment items and related out-patient services, such as
found in the home health care segment, wherein the prescribed
patient goods and services, 3rd party providers, and insurance
companies are efficiently integrated according to various
functions, e.g. pre-certification, purchasing, leasing, inventory
management, billing coding of goods/services, fraud detection and
prevention, and final delivery to the patient or consumer.
According to one feature of the present invention, the advantages
of ownership of the Durable Medical Equipment by the prescribing or
insuring groups such as Health Maintenance Organizations, are
provided without any of the maintenance or other headaches typi-
cally associated with ownership by bulk ordering and outsourcing
the warehousing and shipping to facilities which may be shared by
other prescribing or insuring groups, while avoiding the current
system of repeatedly renting the DME item without receiving title.